

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

1. The information disclosure statements (IDS's) submitted on 8/18/08 were filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowability on 8/13/08. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statements are being considered by the examiner.
2. With respect to the information disclosure statements filed 8/18/08, it appears that a duplicate copy of a page of the information disclosure statement was submitted. Thus, one copy has been considered and initialed by the Examiner. The information listed in the duplicate copy has been lined through as these references have already been considered.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 9-14, 18, 20, 22-23, 27-32 are allowable over the cited art of record, including those prior art cited above in the information disclosure statements, for at least the reasons as previously set forth in the Office Action dated 5/30/08.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Arnel C. Lavarias whose telephone number is 571-272-2315. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 10:00 AM - 6:30 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephone B. Allen can be reached on 571-272-2434. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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